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WAR WITH TEUTONS HINGES ON FATE OF FIRST ARMED LINER

Wilson Loath to Act Further
—Loss of 3 Freighters Sat-
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MAY AID ALLIES IN GUARDING SEA

U. S. Navy, With Army, Pre-
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German Sailors Escape.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Actual declaration of war by the United States against the Imperial Government of Germany appears to depend upon the fate which befalls the first armed American liner. It also appeared today that avowal of hostilities by President Wilson will not result from the sinking of three American freighters last Saturday.

Although taking every preparatory step which he believes can be taken, President Wilson is loath to take further action. He has, however, more aggressive steps under consideration and this afternoon discussed with the cabinet, which convened at 2:30 o'clock, all phases of the proposition. It has been ascertained that the President strongly questioned the advisability of forcing the present situation. But he is understood to feel that everything that can be done to meet actual hostilities, now believed to be inevitable, has been done.

The President further questions whether calling Congress into extra session before April 16 would accomplish any particular good. The President is understood to feel that the program he has outlined thus far does not call for an actual declaration of war, despite calls from all parts of the country for such an act. If an armed American ship is attacked, the situation then will call for the next forward step. The President is declared today, however, to be still considering all phases of the present situation, and it may be a day or two, possibly more, before any further decision is announced.

Certain members of President Wilson's cabinet, when they arrived at the White House just before the cabinet session this afternoon, were outspoken in their views that a state of war now exists between the United States and Germany.

While saying that they believed a declaration of war is unnecessary at this time, they were firm in standing for preparation for hostilities. They intimated that when the President next addressed Congress, he will say that a state of war has existed with Germany since last Wednesday when the American steamer Algonquin was sunk.

The United States will gain immense advantage in coping with submarines after the gain derived by coming into a state of active warfare without a formal declaration of war, military men held here today. They have so told the White House officials. Under such a condition this country, they pointed out this afternoon, could engage in an industrial co-operation with the Allies, which, it is believed, would soon break the Central Powers.

While details of the defense plans are naturally being kept secret, signs increased this afternoon that the Government officials realize the necessity for a largely increased land force if federal protection is to be accorded railroad bridges, seacoast towns, water supply systems and aqueducts on which the nation's largest centers depend.

U. S. May Help Guard Seas.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The United States, Great Britain and France will join in guarding the transatlantic ship lanes against German U-boats, if present plans materialize. The Administration expected to begin today the work of informally negotiating with these nations.

This problem will be undertaken through the State Department with its proposed fleet of patrol and chaser boats, plus larger navy vessels, the United States will be in a position to offer protection to commerce off the American coast, while Great Britain and France will be expected to reciprocate in the barred zone.

Navy men believe the submarine menace may be brought directly home, that situations such as the U-53 per-

THE CALENDAR

March 20.—Illustrated lecture on "The Social Aspects of Foreign Missions" by Prof. A. W. Taylor in the Y. M. C. A. Building at 6:45 o'clock.
March 22.—A pianoforte recital by Miss Hallie Copeland, at Stephens College Auditorium, at 8:15 o'clock.
March 22.—Address before the University women by Miss Louise Stanley of the home economics department on "Opportunities for Women in Dietetics" at 4 o'clock in Room 220, Academic Hall.
March 23.—Address by Major Delano on "The United States Marine Corps" at 4:15 o'clock in the University Auditorium.
March 24.—Vaudeville show in the University Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock by the members of the Women's Athletic Association.
March 26.—Address by Dr. C. A. Ellwood on "Christianity and the Healing of the Nations," in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 6:45 o'clock.
March 28.—"The Silver Box," a play under the auspices of the University Dramatic Club at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
March 29.—Vaudeville by Twelfth Night Club of Christian College in college auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.
March 31.—Vaudeville matinee by Twelfth Night Club of Christian College in college auditorium at 2:30 o'clock.

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By United Press

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—Ten German sailors from the interned German boats in the navy yards are today at large, according to the belief of police here. By catching up conflicting stories of four recaptured men, the police believe that fourteen tried to swim their way to liberty in the icy water last night. Police were led to believe that the attempt to get away was not confined to the men themselves, but that it was part of a general movement on the part of Philadelphia Germans or German sympathizers to liberate the men.

This belief is supported by the fact that several names were found on the men captured. The name of Richard Stein was found on one of the captured sailors. The names of five other Philadelphia men, five German-Americans in Jersey City and four in Hoboken were also found. It is believed that these addresses were given to the would-be fugitives to indicate places of refuge. The investigation is also being made this afternoon of the cutting of trolley feed wires near the navy yard. This was done shortly after the men made their escape.

SPRING! IT'S DUE TOMORROW

No Equinoctial Storm Will Delay Ar-
rival, George Reeder Says.

Although tomorrow is the date of the spring equinox, when the sun will cross the celestial equator, there will be no accompanying storms, according to George Reeder, meteorologist. Mr. Reeder said that just because the earth's axis will be square with the sun is no reason for a storm to race over the country. It is Mr. Reeder's opinion that there is a greater chance for a storm on April 21 than on March 21, because of the greater contrasts in temperature in April.

M. E. Jones and Mrs. Viola Street Wed.

Mrs. Viola Street of Hinton, and H. E. Jones of Franklin, were married this morning by Judge James T. Stockton of the County Court. Both had been married before.

LONDON GETS REPORT OF TEUTONIC REVOLT

Same Rumors Have Been
Current in This Country
—No Proof.

ADVANCE DIFFICULT

General Conflict in Aisne
District Under Way De-
spite Bad Weather.

By United Press

LONDON, March 20.—Unconfirmed rumors of a revolution in Germany are making the rounds of brokers' offices here today.

The same rumors of a revolution in Germany have been in circulation in the United States for the last two days. Today rumors went so far as to intimate that something had happened to the kaiser. None of the rumors can be traced to definite sources.

German Retreat Slows Up.

By United Press

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siderably this afternoon. Dispatches from headquarters of the British forces said today that this might be attributed to stormy weather. It also may mean that the Germans are meeting a line of long prepared positions. The Paris war office's statement this afternoon indicated similar slowing up. The British statement revealed a number of engagements along the whole front and likewise gave indications of a new character of fighting after two and one-half years of trench warfare.

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Allies Continue to Advance.

By United Press

PARIS, March 20.—Despite bad weather, slight progress and the destruction of all means of German communication were reported by the official statement today from the Aisne district. French troops were in contact with the enemy throughout the entire district. The difficulties of advance are growing, the statement said.

WASHINGTON U. AFTER SCHULTE

St. Louis Times Says Tiger Coach Is
Considered for Edmund's Place.

The St. Louis Times yesterday said that Henry F. Schulte, coach of the Tiger football and track teams, was leading the list of candidates for the position of director of athletics at Washington University to succeed Director Edmunds, who recently resigned. Others who are being considered along with Coach Schulte are Dr. E. J. Stewart of the University of Nebraska and Homer Thomas of Purdue, the St. Louis Times said.

Coach Schulte said this afternoon that he knew nothing of the selection of the Washington athletic director and that he had not made an application for the position.

To Dramatize "Timothy's Quest."

The students of the University High School will give a dramatization of scenes from "Timothy's Quest," a novel by Kate Douglas Wiggin, in the University High School Auditorium at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Basil D. Gauntlett, director of music at Stephens College, and his pupils will have charge of the program at the assembly of the University High School tomorrow morning.

Consents to Daughter's Marriage.

Johnnie Rodgers, 23 years old, was granted a license to marry Miss Dasher Montgomery, 17 years old, today, after the girl's father, Joe Montgomery, gave his consent. Both persons live in Columbia.

SAPP REVIEWS WORK IN THE LEGISLATURE

Tax Commission Law the
Greatest of All Measures
Passed, He Says.

AID FOR GOOD ROADS

Fair Treatment Accorded
the University After Mo-
tives Were Explained.

That the men who composed the Forty-Ninth General Assembly of Missouri formed the most patriotic body that ever sat in the legislative chamber, and that the ulterior purpose of all was to rehabilitate the financial machinery of Missouri, is the opinion of W. H. Sapp, Boone County's representative, who has returned to Columbia.

"I believe the new tax commission will be the most meritorious of all the laws enacted," said Mr. Sapp. "Its purpose is the equalization of taxes among the people rather than to increase the burdens of the individual tax payers. Governor Gardner's penitentiary and revenue bills will prove more popular when people understand them better. A great amount of praise is due Governor Gardner for the personal efforts he made in getting his bills through."

Gave Attention to Road Legislation.

"I have been abused by some and commended by others for voting for all the administration measures. To those who see fit to attack me for joining hands with the governor upon this subject, I ask that they withhold their judgment until all these laws shall have been tried, and then if they are found wanting I am willing to acknowledge my mistake. The Democrats of Boone County, I am sure, did not wish me to arrogate unto myself a supposed wisdom in excess of the combined judgment of the Governor, seventy-seven other Democratic representatives and twenty-four Democratic senators. If they condemn me they must reckon with them."

"I succeeded in writing into the road laws of this State four or five sections which will prove worth while. I gave more attention to this subject than to any other matter except the Governor's measures. I believe that we are standing upon the threshold of a new era in Missouri insofar as good roads are concerned."

"The people of Boone County are keenly interested, I am sure, in the bill I introduced concerning the investment of foreign capital in electric railroads in this state. Senator Bates of Joplin introduced a similar bill and we joined the same with the result that it became a law. The Governor became interested in this measure and through his secretary did valuable work in securing its passage. His work together with the efforts of the Columbia Commercial Club brought about the passage of this bill. I believe that we will be favored with an electric line as soon as the war ends."

The University Appropriation.

"I presume you have noticed," continued Mr. Sapp, "the fair treatment accorded the University and its officers, notwithstanding the feeling that existed at the beginning of the session. Well, we just explained the sinister motives of the two men who were making the fight and the membership of both Houses handed down a verdict in our favor. I might call your attention to an instance that is rather interesting to me at least. After the House had passed the educational appropriation bill a certain man came down there and attempted to have the total amount appropriated for the University reduced 10 percent. I heard of it and took Representative Frank Farris of Rolla with me to see Senator Buford, to the end that he might carry out his promise to me to the effect that the Senate should not reduce the amount carried in the House bill for the University. Mr. Farris stopped that. As a last effort this man took a Columbia paper to Mr. Farris which contained an article which did not speak very well of Mr. Farris and with it induced him to have \$3,500 struck from the amount carried in the House bill for the School of Journalism. I obtained a promise from Mr. Farris that this amount should be restored in the conference committee and then hastened back to inform Senator Harris. When I returned to the Senate, Senator Buford was on the floor for the purpose of beginning a fight as Senator Harris had moved to reconsider the vote

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday, probably showers; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight above the freezing point.

For Missouri: Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday, probably showers. Not much change in temperature.

Shippers' Forecast: Prepare shipments within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia to withstand temperatures as follows: above freezing in all directions.

Weather Conditions.

In the northern border states temperatures still are somewhat below the freezing point but there has been only light precipitation which has fallen at widely separated places.

Low pressure waves dominate the weather in most of the territory between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, and conditions in Columbia are likely to be unsettled and showery during the next thirty-six hours.

Local Data.

The Almanac.

Sun rises today, 6:12 a. m. Sun sets 6:21 p. m.

Moon rises, 4:29 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

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400 WOODMEN HERE; CONVENTION IS BEGUN

Delegates and Visitors Open
Session at Auditorium Af-
ter Procession.

BAND LEADS PARADE

W. O. W. Sends Message to
President Indorsing Ad-
ministration in Crisis.

The following telegram was sent to President Wilson today by the 400 delegates attending the Missouri state convention of the Woodmen of the World at Columbia:

"President Woodrow Wilson,

White House, Washington.

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